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CONGRESS PROGRAM IN BRIEF

The principal features of the program of the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship and the Sixty-Second Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association are given below. All substantive sessions will be held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., June 16-22, 1963.

June 16,	10:00 a.m.	- Formal opening of exhibits
	8:00 p.m.	- Opening Session
	9:30 p.m.	- Congress Reception
June 17,	9:30 a.m.	- Session on Library Education
	2:00 p.m.	- Session on Utilization of Machines
	5:30 p.m.	- American Medical Association Reception
June 18,	9:30 a.m.	- Session on the MEDLARS Project
	2:00 p.m.	- Visits to the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine
	2:00 p.m.	- Business meeting of the MLA
June 19,	8:30 a.m.	- Visit to the White House
	10:00 a.m.	- Visit to United States Book Exchange
	10:45 a.m.	- Committee meetings, MLA
	2:30 p.m.	- Open House at the National Library of Medicine
June 20,	9:30 a.m.	- Session on Library Organization
	2:00 p.m.	- Session on Library Management
	6:30 p.m.	- Congress social hour and banquet
June 21,	9:30 a.m.	- Session on Interlibrary Cooperation
	2:00 p.m.	- Visits to the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine
	2:00 p.m.	- Business meeting of the MLA
June 22,	9:30 a.m.	- Session on Historical Libraries
	11:00 a.m.	- Closing Session

Proceedings of the Congress will be published as the January 1964 issue of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. Copies may be purchased at $5.00 each from the Executive Secretary, Medical Library Association, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois.

GIFT TO NLM

Dr. Saul Jarcho of New York City, a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine, has recently presented a manuscript to the Library which bears the title Traité Des Maladies Venerienes Par M^r Ant^e Petit medecin De La Faculté De Paris, running to some 445 pages.

This manuscript is almost surely based on the lectures of Antoine Petit (1718-1794) of Paris, one of the most celebrated physicians of his day, who taught medicine, surgery, anatomy, and obstetrics at Paris. Undoubtedly it dates from about the middle of the eighteenth century, and was presumably written down by someone named Benjamin, as yet not further identified. Petit lectured a great deal but published relatively little. His lectures on venereal diseases are not published, which of course adds to the interest and the value of this manuscript.

SUMMER HOURS

Service to readers at the National Library of Medicine in the evenings and on Sundays will be discontinued for the months of July and August this year. Beginning on Monday, July 1, and ending Saturday, August 31, the Library will be open to the public each day, Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Library will be closed on the holidays, July 4 and September 2.

NLM SCIENCE TRANSLATION PROGRAM

The Library's Extramural Program has received copies of several publications translated and published under its foreign currency program. These publications are distributed to all libraries receiving PL-480 translations; extra copies are available from the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C.

Publications translated from the Russian language under an agreement with the Israel Program for Scientific Translations are:

Curative and Preventive Aspects of Public Health Services for Rural Population, 1955
OTS No. 63-11069. Price: 50 cents

Problems of Radiobiology
Vol. 1, 1956. OTS No. 61-31015. Price: $3.50
Vol. 2, 1957. OTS No. 61-31016. Price: $4.50
Vol. 3, 1960. OTS No. 61-31017. Price: $3.50

Under its agreement with the Polish State Medical Publishers, the Program has received four volumes of translated reprints from Treatises of the Section of Medical Sciences

published by the Section of Medical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. These translations also may be ordered from the Office of Technical Services:

Treatises of the Section of Medical Sciences
Vol. 1, 1956, 120 p. OTS No. 61-11335/1. Price: $1.25
Vol. 3, 1958, 224 p. OTS No. 61-11335/3. Price: $2.25
Vol. 1, 1960, 196 p. OTS No. 61-11335/7. Price: $1.25
Vol. 2, 1960, 232 p. OTS No. 61-11335/8. Price: $1.75

MURAL INSTALLED

The ceramic mural created for the National Library of Medicine by Frans Wildenhain has now been installed around the four sides of the square clerestory area over the Public Catalog. Composed of 875 individual pieces of freely designed ceramic and fused glass, the Wildenhain mural is rich in shades of brown, blue, yellow, red, and black. Entirely non-representational, the mural has occasioned much discussion by both the Library staff and visitors.

Born in Leipzig, the artist Frans Wildenhain studied at the Bauhaus in Weimar, where he came under the influence of Paul Klee. He developed forms of personal expression in ceramics, which he now teaches at the Rochester Institute of Technology. In addition to the mural for NLM, Wildenhain has done a large ceramic mural for the Strasenburgh Laboratories in Rochester, New York.

CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Major General Joseph H. McNinch, Medical Corps, United States Army (Retired), became Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Administration on June 1, 1963, succeeding Dr. William S. Middleton, who retired recently. General McNinch is a former Director of the National Library of Medicine (1946-1949); as VA's Chief Medical Director he will serve as an ex officio member of the NLM Board of Regents.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

With the installation of the Wildenhain mural, the reconstruction of the MEDLARS computer area, construction of partitioned offices in the mezzanine and Technical Services areas, and the linkage of the National Institutes of Health and the NLM grounds by a four-lane traffic artery, the NLM construction program has now been brought to a close, fourteen months after the occupancy of the building.

The Library does not plan any further construction at this time.

NLM CATALOG, 1962

The National Library of Medicine Catalog, 1962, was received from the printer in May. This volume supplements the 1950-54 and the 1955-59 quinquennial volumes and the 1960 and 1961 annual issues. Together with Index Medicus it is a continuation of the Library's bibliographical record which began with the Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office in 1880.

The division of the NLM Catalog into two parts has been continued in the 1962 volume. Part I, Authors (pp. 1-445), is an alphabetical author and title list which includes entries for items of medical interest for material received and cataloged during the twelve months from November 1961 through October 1962, as well as entries for works from the old collections recataloged during the same period, regardless of their date of publication. Part II, Subjects (pp. 449-733), includes mainly the entries for works published since 1935, in accordance with the Library's policy of a 25-year subject coverage. The change in format initiated in the 1961 volume is continued: tracings do not appear on entries in the subject part; tracings for added entries and subjects appear on the main entry citations in the author section.

The subject headings are the same as those used in the 1960 and 1961 Catalog volumes; they are taken from the Library's Medical Subject Headings, 1st ed., 1960. The 1963 Catalog and the 1960-64 cumulative volumes will use headings from MeSH, 2d ed.

Publication of the NLM Catalog is a joint operation of the Processing Department of the Library of Congress and the Technical Services Division of the National Library of Medicine. The 1962 Catalog is sold by the Card Division of the Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C., at $20, plus fifty cents for postage.

TAINE IN EUROPE

Mr. Seymour I. Taine, Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division, NLM, and Editor of the Index Medicus, was in Ispra, Italy (on Lake Maggiore), May 28-30 to attend a Symposium on Punched Tape Application in Documentation, sponsored by the Mechanized Storage and Retrieval Committee of the International Federation for Documentation (FID). Mr. Taine served as sole representative for the United States National Committee for FID.

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